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hibit discrimination in the sale and rental of virtually all housing—a measure which I must point out was enacted only after decades of opposition and only through the enlightened and courageous action of the political party to which I have the honor of belonging. Not long ago, New Jersey enacted an optional rent control law which enabled municipalities to curb slum landlords who feel no shame in charging those who least can afford to pay exorbitant rent for dilapidated and often rat-infested shelter. And we have done much more, not only in New Jersey but in the nation as a whole.

And yet, in the aftermath of Newark I think there can be no doubt that much, much more remains to be done. Perhaps out of the tragedy of the Newark will come encouragement for the intensive efforts that are already going forward to meet the crisis of our cities.

I want to take this opportunity to express publicly my personal appreciation and the appreciation of my State to our great United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark who met admirably our after-midnight calls for his assistance. For example, he quickly arranged for aid to the victims of the rioting from the American Red Cross and for a mobilization of assistance from the Small Business Administration. Later, he met for several hours with our New Jersey Commissioner of Community Affairs, Paul Ylvisaker, to review the entire situation in our State, giving much thought not only to how he could help New Jersey meet our immediate needs but also to what he and other federal officials might learn and apply to prevent further such outbreaks elsewhere in the nation. The Attorney General also was instrumental in enlisting the full cooperation and assistance of high ranking officials of other federal departments which has resulted in the most constructive joint effort New Jersey has ever experienced with the federal government.

Neither New Jersey nor the federal government is in a position to forget riots. Rather, we must repair the grave damages brought against the innocent and we are already at work to find the causes of the disturbances and effect constructive remedies. John Forrer, an extremely capable young man who formerly worked with the United States Bureau of the Budget and who is now on the staff of the Department of Community Affairs, is coordinating, from an office in Washington, federal-state efforts and will soon—perhaps within twenty-four hours—announce specific grant in aid programs. We have met with leaders of our New Jersey Congressional Delegation, who have pledged their full cooperation. Our State government, primarily through the Department of Community Affairs, is working closely with our local Mayors of both the communities involved in the disturbances and those with similar problems. In an effort to serve as a conciliator and, in some cases, as a receiver, dispenser, and expeditor of grants and other assistance. For, we have a unique opportunity and a vital need to bring about constructive action without delay, and, if we fail to do so, we jeopardize in a very real way the future of our society.

A great President and former Governor of New Jersey, Woodrow Wilson, once said,

"Liberty does not consist in mere general declarations of the rights of men. It consists in the translation of those declarations into definite action."

We can no longer afford to equivocate. Rather, it is imperative that such definite action be undertaken without hesitation or delay. So I ask your help and the help of all good men—I want to enlist the energies and the efforts of all responsible Americans in working together to create an America wherein our ideals are become realities. For the ultimate test of our society, the ultimate

test of America's greatness, is in the quality of the lives of each and every one of our people.

Pentagon Security Breakdown

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 1967

Mr. MYERS. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. ROUDEBUSH], has revealed a glaring loophole in Defense Department security clearance policy.

After stalling for 15 months, Defense finally announced secret clearance for a member of the W. E. B. DuBois Club, an organization which the Justice Department and FBI have described as a Communist-front organization.

This entire story was reported in the July 29, 1967, issue of Human Events. All Members of Congress should be apprised of this situation. The article follows:

PENTAGON SECURITY BREAKDOWN

Ever since the Kennedy-Johnson State Department began firing or easing out such topnotch security experts like Otto Otepka, veteran investigators in the Capitol have become alarmed at the department's security programs. But Foggy Bottom, it turns out, is not the only place where there is cause for concern.

Last week *Human Events* discovered fresh evidence of still another startling breach in national security standards, this time in the heart of America's military establishment. Within the Defense Department there is the Industrial Security Clearance Review Office, whose major purpose is to check out persons in industry or universities working on defense contracts. But this critical "watchdog" agency has a novel approach to security matters.

Far from being very disturbed by those with leftist backgrounds, it has consciously given a secret clearance to a known member of a Communist-dominated group. Moreover, the evidence suggests that this Defense Department's security-gathering apparatus is either completely ineffectual or a victim of sabotage.

The story of ruptured Pentagon security actually begins some 18 months ago when Rep. Richard L. Roudebush (R-Ind.) requested the Defense Department to find out why Robert Arthur Niemann, then an engineering graduate student and research assistant at the University of California at Los Angeles, possessed a secret security clearance to work on an Air Force defense contract when, in fact, he belonged to the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs. The DuBois Clubs have been termed "Communist controlled" and "subversive" by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The U.S. attorney general on March 4, 1966, petitioned the Subversive Activities Control Board to order the DuBois Clubs to register as a Communist-front organization.

Fifteen months after Roudebush had queried the department came a supposedly complete reply. A few weeks ago, the Indiana solon received from the office of the assistant secretary of defense a letter dated June 29, 1967, signed by Joseph J. Liebling, director for Security Policy. The Liebling letter read, in part:

"In March 1966 Mr. Niemann's statements regarding his recent joining of the DuBois

Club [sic] of America were brought to the attention of the Defense Department. Because he held an active Department of Defense secret clearance, the chief, Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office, initiated a complete background investigation of him. Upon completion of that investigation, his case was referred to this office for determination of his eligibility for clearance.

"The Screening Board of this office, having considered all the available information, now has determined that continuation of Mr. Niemann's secret clearance is clearly consistent with the national interest." (Emphasis added.)

The letter did not deny Niemann was a member of the DuBois Clubs, whose house organ, *Insurgent*, says it draws its inspiration from Fidel Castro; indeed, the DuBois Clubs membership is affirmed. But the Liebling communication explains that the Screening Board concluded Niemann "does not have a sympathetic interest in the Communist movement" and that his "well-publicized joining of the DuBois Club [sic] constituted nothing more than a protest against the attorney general's action . . . an action which he regarded as unwarranted governmental interference with the activities of a political organization."

In 1966, it is true, Niemann had explained his reasons for joining in an open letter to then Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach. He said he had "always been an active Democrat" and had previously chosen not to "join the DuBois Club [sic] because of my ideological differences with some of its policies."

However, Niemann continued, "since your action is aimed at frightening people out of joining the DBC, I must follow the King of Norway [sic], who, during Nazi occupation of his country, appeared in public wearing a Jewish armband to show his contempt for a similar act of suppression."

Niemann's belief that prosecution of a Communist-controlled group is an act of evil on a par with the slaughter and prosecution of the Jews is intriguing—and parallels the thinking of militant anti-American, pro-Communist groups in this country.

But even more fascinating than Niemann's rhetoric are his radical political activities which appear far more extensive than the Liebling letter suggests. Here, in fact, is some information on Niemann not conveyed by the Defense Department to Rep. Roudebush but checked out by *Human Events* with security experts and Niemann himself:

Although there is no evidence that Niemann is a Communist, the red-bearded UCLA graduate student participated in numerous leftist activities, worked with known Communists and helped whip up anti-Viet Nam demonstrations.

Niemann voted in 1966 for Dorothy Healey, the well-known leader of the Communist party in Southern California. Contacted by telephone in Los Angeles, Niemann was told that at least two persons had heard him say he had voted for Healey (who campaigned for tax assessor of Los Angeles County by distributing buttons with her picture and the words: "Vote Communist.") Asked if this were true, Niemann replied: "It is a fact that I voted for Dorothy Healey for tax assessor."

Niemann was campus leader of "Friends of SNCC" on the University of California at Los Angeles campus, even though Negro friends of Niemann warned him to shy away from this militant organization. SNCC's recently resigned leader, Stokely Carmichael, openly aligned the organization with the pro-Peking Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) and Communist elements in Puerto Rico.

For the past several years Niemann has been on the staff of *The Movement Press*, a publication that has long been a part of the SNCC operation. The *Press*'s main targets are the CIA, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the police and the war in Viet Nam. Its main hero is Stokely Carmichael.

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